GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7529
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OIL EXPLORATION
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified new areas for oil exploration during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether drilling operations in these areas have since commenced;

(d) if so, the details thereof with outcome in each case, State-wise; and

(e) the amount spent on exploration and drilling process separately during the above period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Exploration of hydrocarbons is an on-going process, consisting of seismic data acquisition, processing, interpretation, prospect identification and drilling. The broad details of the areas identified by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oi India Ltd.(OIL) during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 along with status of drilling is given in the statement enclosed. In addition, a total of 12 new deep water blocks off East Coast and 2 new blocks in shallow offshore areas off West Coast were identified for offer in 1999 under first round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and their production sharing contracts have been signed.

(e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.7529 for answer on 15.5.2000

1998-99

S.N.	State/Coast	Basin	Locations drilling commenced/ completed	Locations- completed	Outcome
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna-Godavari	7	4	One well is under testing, two wells abandoned.
2.	Tamil Nadu	Cauvery	1	1	-
3.	Assam	Assam-Arakan fold belt - Assam	1	-	-
4.	do-	Upper Assam	5	2	One well under production
5.	Gujarat	Cambay	2	2	One is observation well and other well showed indication of hydrocarbon and is taken up for further assessment.
6.	West Coast	Mumbai offshore	1	1	One well abandoned (casing not lowered)

1999-2000

1.	Andhra Pradesh	Krishna-Godavari	8	1	Well under testing.
2.	East Coast	East coast offshsore	1	-	-
3.	Tamil Nadu	Cauvery	6	2	One well dry
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Vindhyan	1	-	-
5.	Himachal Pra	Himalayan foothill	-	-	-
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	-do-	1	-	-
7	Assam	Assam-Arakan fold belt - Assam	3	1	-
8.	-do-	Upper Assam	11	1	-
9.	Tripura	Assam-Arakan fold belt - Tripura	1	-	-
10.	Gujarat	Cambay	5	-	-
11	West Coast	Mumbai offshore	6	3	One well oil bearing, other proved dry
12	-do-	Kutch offshore	3	-	-